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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Examiner: Not Yet assigned Tetsuya Yano, et al.) Group Art Unit: N/Y/A Application No.: N/Y/A Filed: Currently herewith For: DNA FRAGMENT CARRYING TOLUENE MONOOXYGENASE GENE, RECOMBINANT PLASMID, TRANSFORMED MICROORGANISM, METHOD FOR DEGRADING CHLORINATED ALIPHATIC HYDROCARBON COMPOUNDS AND AROMATIC COMPOUNDS, AND METHOD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION October 28, 1999

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 11 and 55 as follows: